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# STUDENT GUIDE



To  
**Amtrak**  
Travel In  
Illinois



# Amtrak Is The Way To Travel!

Why bother with a crowded bus? Or rely on hitching rides with someone you hardly know? Graduate to Amtrak and go in style.

Visit your parents for a home-cooked meal or surprise hometown friends during Homecoming Weekend. Stay in touch with that special someone far away or drop in on fellow students at universities across the state.

Take off for a Chicago party weekend and enjoy the nightlife of Rush Street. Check out the comedy clubs, theaters, sporting events, shopping on the Miracle Mile, and the Art Institute. There's so much to do when you're only an Amtrak trip away!



## Amtrak Is Affordable!

Amtrak's prices are very reasonable, particularly the round-trip excursion fares. Compared to the costs of owning and operating a car, the money you save by taking Amtrak can be better spent on entertainment, clothes or even books.

1-800-451-4673

Amtrak.com

## Gets You Where You Want To Be!

Amtrak serves 35 Illinois cities by train or connecting Amtrak Thruway bus service. Amtrak serves the Chicago area at Union Station in the Loop and several suburban stops. At Union Station you can catch commuter trains, and just two blocks from Union Station you can board the Chicago Transit Authority subway train to O'Hare Airport.

Also, in Chicago you can connect with trains to the east or west coast, Texas, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Florida, and even Canada!

# Riding Amtrak Is Easy!

Amtrak tickets and timetables are available at your travel agent, local Amtrak station, or from Amtrak by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL. Before you travel, check the schedule in both directions and the expiration date on the schedule.

Except for some long-distance trains, Amtrak does not require reservations. Seating on most Amtrak trains is unassigned; the conductor will take your ticket once the train has departed.

## All Aboard Amtrak!

Whether you use the time on board Amtrak to catch up on your studies or to party with friends, Amtrak takes good care of you! Settle into your wide reclining seat and enjoy hot or cold sandwiches and your favorite snacks as the miles roll past. Soft drinks and other beverages are also available in Amtrak's Cafe Car.





# Riding Amtrak

## Is Fun!

The convenience and style of traveling on Amtrak will make your trip enjoyable. You can get up and walk around, relax in the wide reclining seats, eat and drink, read a book or study, party with friends, and even make new friends! Amtrak takes all the responsibility, so you can take it easy and have a good time.



## Bicycles in Checked Baggage Service.

On certain trains your bicycle can be carried in the baggage car if you are traveling between two of the stations listed below. Bicycles checked as baggage will be delayed if you are not using a train which has a baggage car. Bicycles must be boxed with handlebars turned and pedals removed. There is a \$5.00 handling charge for each bicycle. The baggage agent where you board will supply you with a free bike box upon request. Amtrak's bike boxes are highly recommended since they are sturdy and huge. Plan to arrive at the station at least one hour early if you are going to check your bicycle.

Checked baggage service is available at the following stations, but only on a very limited number of trains that serve these stations. Please call ahead for more information.

Alton  
Bloomington-Normal  
Carbondale  
Centralia  
Champaign  
Chicago Union Station  
Chillicothe

Glenview  
Joliet  
Mattoon  
Milwaukee, WI  
Springfield  
St. Louis, MO

# Information and Ticket Sales.

The following Amtrak stations have agents on hand to answer your questions and sell tickets.

## STATION

Alton  
Bloomington-Normal  
Carbondale  
Centralia  
Champaign  
Chicago Union Station  
Chillicothe  
Galesburg (225 S. Seminary)  
Glenview

Homewood  
Joliet  
Macomb  
Mattoon  
Milwaukee, WI  
Naperville  
Rantoul  
Springfield  
St. Louis, MO

All other Amtrak stations in Illinois are unstaffed. Tickets may be purchased from travel agents or on board the train. Please call Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL for more information.



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